Name of the Assessee and Amount due on 31.12.98.	Steps taken for recovery
28. M/*s.* Nagaland Plywood, Nagpur. Rs. 47,187/-	Under persuasive action.
29. M/s. Kuda Wood Products, Dimapur. Rs. 9,46,646/-	Under persuasive action.
30. M/s. Hills Plywood Udyog Ltd., Mariani. Rs. 31,902'-	No steps taken in view of pending with CEGAT.
31. M/s. Naginimora Veneer & Saw Mills (P) Ltd., Mon Dist., Nagaland. Rs. 2,44,359/-	No action in view of order from High Court.

Amount Advanced to Small Scale Units

2233. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount advanced by the Public Sector Banks to the Small Scale Units during the last three years;

(b) the total amount pending recovery from them;

(c) the number of units found sick but viable; and

(d) what is the rehabilitation programme for such units?

THE MINISTER OF STAE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that total advances by Public sector Banks (PSBs) to small scale industries units (SSI) during the last three years were as under:

(Rs. crores)

As at the end of March	Amount
1996	29575
1997	31577
1998	38109

(b) The position of non-performing assets of PSBs in SSI sector for the year ending March, 1998 (latest available) was 23.18% of the total outstandings.

(c) and (d) RBI has reported that- 18429 SSI units were found to be potentially viable as on March 1998. Out of these 13032 units have been put under-nursing programme.

Credit Card Forgery Racket

2234. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of FFINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindu of 1st January, 1999 under the caption 'Major credit card forgery racket busted';

(b) what are the details in this regard; and